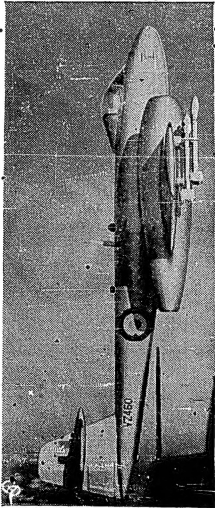




Protest Canada's Vote in U.N.

Up and Over



SEEMINGLY standing on its tail, a British Gloster Meteor, single-seat jet, is caught by the cameraman's accompanying plane as the two sleek craft looped together over London. Authenticity of the "standing" position can be checked by clouds at bottom. (International)



PERSONAL STUFF BY E. E. R.

The most effective, as well as some of the strongest criticism of the policies and actions of the United States, in respect to the situation in Asia has come from American writers. Walter Lippmann epitomized these intelligent disagreements with the United States policy in the United Nations when he wrote: "What the U.S. has done by its campaign in the U.N. has been to present the Soviet Union with what may prove to be its greatest diplomatic victory. The Soviet diplomacy has, from the Soviet point of view, been astute. But it is not clever enough to have done what the U.S. has done for it. The annoying stupidity of this performance lies in the fact that the U.S. rigged the demonstration against itself, that it set up the issues and managed the affair in a way which makes its position look infinitely worse than in fact it is. For the truth is that India and Pakistan are really with the U.S., on what in the end matters most, and it is only America's own bungling which has brought the U.S. to a point where it seems to stand alienated from all the powers and peoples of Asia. The victory for which Mr. Austin said he thanked God is a self-inflicted

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Defeat CCF Motion On Price Curb

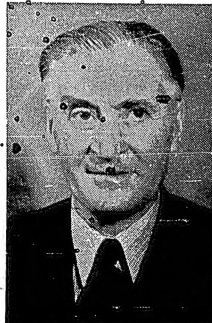
OTTAWA (CPA)—Although it went down to defeat, the C.C.F. amendment calling for price controls and subsidies where necessary, won the support of the Conservatives and Social Crediters in the House of Commons when it came to the vote Tuesday evening.

The C.C.F. amendment consisted of an addition of words to the end of the amendment of the Official Opposition. The final part of the Conservative amendment called upon the government "to take effective measures to combat inflation and the rapidly rising cost of living".

The amendment proposed by the C.C.F.'s H. W. Hertridge (Kootenay West), added the words, "such as the immediate reimposition of price controls, and the payment of subsidies where necessary, so as to protect the health and living standards of the Canadian people."

The C.C.F. amendment was defeated by the Tories on the spot. They will undoubtedly lose friends by supporting it. If they had not supported it, however, the question would naturally arise: "What do they mean by 'effective measures' to fight inflation?"

Pleads Farm Case



PERCY E. WRIGHT, M.P.

Farmers Are In Desperate Plight

OTTAWA (CPA)—Percy E. Wright, farmer M.P. for Melfort, Saskatchewan, told the House of Commons on February 5 that if there was ever a time when the farmer in western Canada needed money, it is right now, and he urged upon the government a final payment to the wheat farmers on the British Wheat Contract.

In addition to the loss of about 45 million bushels of No. 1 wheat due to severe frosts last season, farmers were in difficulties not

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Fear It Might Drive China Closer To USSR

OTTAWA (CPA)—The C.C.F. leader's reply to the Speech from the Throne dealt almost entirely with Canada's stand on the Chinese-Korean issue. Speaking to the House on February 1, Mr. Mr. J. Coldwell stated his fear that the U.N. resolution branding China an aggressor would be "followed by intensified bitterness and demands for the institution of sanctions which, if approved, 1 year, will push China more and more into the orbit of the Soviet Union."

Mr. Coldwell placed on the records the resolution passed by the National Executive of the C.C.F. on January 28, which had stated "The C.C.F. does not doubt that the invasion of Korea by the Chinese armies was unjustifiable and contrary to U.N. policy. But at this moment every effort must be made to prevent a general war. We must not give way to resentment of hysteria, or assume that war is inevitable."

The C.C.F. leader quoted several passages from the address to the United Nations by External Affairs Minister Pearson, who had admitted grave misgivings about the timeliness of the U.N. resolution, and yet had voted for it. Mr. Coldwell continued, "Because we

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On Foreign Policy

Douglas Defends The C.C.F. Stand

By M. E. KESSLERING
REGINA (CPA)—A thorough defence of C.C.F. policy on international affairs, which had been criticized the previous day by Walter Tucker, leader of the opposition, was presented in the Saskatchewan legislature Wednesday, February 7, by Premier T. C. Douglas. The premier said he was convinced the people of Saskatchewan were willing to fight to protect freedom, but were not willing to go to war merely to "bolster up threatened regimes," and offered "to test the opinion of the people on that very important question."

Support For "Third Force"

Mr. Douglas defended the C.C.F. support of a third force, saying that India and Burma, Great Britain, France and the Scandinavian countries also favoured such a course. Even Lester Pearson, Mr. Douglas said, thought the resolution to declare China an aggressor

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Pleads For Federal Grant To Education

OTTAWA (CPA)—Roy R. Knight (C.C.F., Saskatoon) on Feb. 2 inscribed on the order paper of the House of Commons for the third consecutive session, a resolution calling for federal aid to education. Mr. Knight's resolution proposed that the government consider ways and means of expanding and equalizing educational opportunity across Canada. This could be done, his resolution stated, by granting financial assistance to the various provinces.

U.S. Negro Leader:

Must Take Stand For Democracy

TORONTO (CPA)—"The great heart of the United States is sound on peace," according to A. Philip Randolph, negro socialist, writer and 61-year-old international president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

"It is essential for the continuance of the free world that Canadians and others understand the workings of the American mind," said Mr. Randolph, who travelled from New York to address the Fifth Annual Sustaining Membership Dinner of the Ontario C.C.F. in Toronto on Saturday night, February 3rd.

He advocated the formation of an American-Canadian cultural committee to promote deeper understanding and unity of purpose

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"Friends Of People's Weekly" Send Substantial Donations

Two substantial donations, one of \$142.40 from a Calgary friend and the other a \$50 contribution from the Edmonton Women's C.C.F. Club, sent the People's Weekly Sustaining Fund up several notches this week. There were also a number of others who signed up as "Friends of the People's Weekly." Some of them sent along \$6.00 with their pledge while others indicated they wanted to join the "Friends of the People's Weekly" Club on a month-to-month basis. Still others forwarded four two-dollar bills in lieu of a straight donation. All of which is gratefully received as an indication that a number of subscribers want to see the paper continued.

But there are still some who have not yet got around to joining in the "Friends of the People's Weekly" form on page 5, and we would like to hear from them before the financial aspect is again reviewed by the C.C.F. Executive.

With a complete monopoly now in effect in the Edmonton daily newspaper field, it is more important than ever that the People's Weekly should be maintained in a healthy solvent state to voice the views of the people on the important issues of the day. If you think this is a worthwhile project you may so indicate by signing up as a "Friend of the People's Weekly" with our delay.

Chamber Commerce Project

Insurance Scheme Branded Socialist

OTTAWA (CPA)—If you have not heard everything yet, listen to this: A "committee" of 600 insurance underwriters in Winnipeg declared on Feb. 2 that the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, champion of free enterprise, is starting a dangerous trend toward socialism.

The insurance men protested the Chamber's sponsorship of an insurance scheme covering

employees of hundreds of small business firms in Winnipeg, in a city-wide group insurance plan. The Chamber itself proposes to administer the plan, to be underwritten by the Great West Life.

The united voice of 600 insurance underwriters is quoted as saying, "In the past we have applauded the actions of the Chamber of Commerce in its fight for free enterprise and against co-operative movements" (but) "the Chamber is to become a co-operative in principle, then why not in name?"

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Disbanding Price Board Personnel

OTTAWA (CPA)—Ross Thatcher (C.C.F., Moose Jaw) on February 1 asked Finance Minister Abbott whether it was the intention of the government to continue disbanding the personnel of the wartime prices and trade board, in view of recent price trends in Canada.

Mr. Abbott replied yes; it was the government's intention to do just that. His explanation was that the powers of the wartime prices and trade board were derived from the Transitional Measures Act and subject to severe limitations. He also said that price control once removed from any article could not be reimposed under the old Act, but would have to come under a new one.

The government admits it is preparing "emergency legislation" which will enable price control among other things, and at the same time is dispersing the only groups of people in the country who have had experience in administering price control—the WPTB.

All-Time High
And while the Minister was making this known in parliament, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics was publishing the latest cost of living index—a new all-time high of 172.5. The index had shot up 1.4 points during the month of December, the biggest monthly increase

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OIL POLICY

Shortsighted, Improvident

By Elmer E. Roper

In a "Provincial Affairs" Broadcast

SPEAKING at a dinner in Edmonton recently, Premier Manning said something which should make every Albertan sit up and take notice. Unless some large new fields were discovered, he said, the end of big cash returns from the sale of oil leases would soon be in sight.

Last year the province received from petroleum fees, rentals, royalties and the sale of leases, the huge sum of 32½ million dollars.

But the significant fact about this very large revenue is that close to \$29 million of it came from exploration fees and rentals and the sale of leases, and only \$3,265,000 from royalties.

"These figures are significant because, eventually, all of our royalties from oil must come from the big cash sales of leases. We'll only have royalties coming in."

Sacrifice the Future

It is precisely on this point, that we have made our argument for the past five years. The policy of the government should have been to obtain the highest possible long-term revenue from our oil resources. The government chose to sacrifice the future to the present. It elected to take a bigger revenue now and a smaller one over a longer term. We have said that this policy was shortsighted, improvident and wrong.

Here very briefly is what happened. After much pounding by the C.C.F. and other groups, the government finally, after the Redwater field had gone, decided to reserve 60% of the Crown land in any area where exploration for oil was being carried on.

Fortunately, this policy was adopted before the Redwater field came in. And, to the government had still under its control half of the Crown acreage in the Redwater field.

Three Ways

There were three ways in which this rich, proven oil land could be administered:

1. The government land could be developed by public ownership. This would have entailed practically no risk as the land was already proven. That was why oil companies were prepared to pay such large sums for it.

2. Tenders could have been called for on a royalty basis. That is, tenders could have been asked to say how much royalty they would pay in addition to the regular 12½%.

3. Tenders could be called for on a cash basis, tenders agreeing to pay a cash sum for the lease.

Chose Lowest Return

Of these three alternatives the government chose the one which will bring the smallest long-term revenue to the province.

I happen to know positively that there were responsible companies who were prepared to bid as high as 75% royalty on Redwater leases. That is, these companies were prepared to give the province three barrels of oil for every one they kept themselves. At the very lowest estimate it can be stated without fear of successful contradiction that all the government leases in the Redwater area could have been dis-

posed of on the basis of an average royalty of 50%.

But the government decided to sell the leases for cash. There was a big, quick revenue from these sales, but in selling the leases for cash the government limited the long-term revenue to 12½% royalty. In doing so, it has been an unprofitable steward of the people's rich oil resources.

Urged Public Ownership

In our view the government leases should have been developed by public ownership. This would have brought to the people the entire revenue from the leases.

Now there is a lot of prattle about the people not being willing for their government to venture risk capital in developing oil leases. But there would have been no risk. The land sold to the oil companies for large sums was proven, sure-thing land. That was why the oil companies were prepared to pay a high price for it. On all the land sold for high prices to the oil companies, there is the

maximum number of producing wells. There hasn't been a dry well on any of the proven government land for which the companies were prepared to pay a big price. It was a sure-thing, with the Government development on these sure-thing properties would have increased the revenue to the province enormously, and as long as the wells continued to flow, the money would continue to come in.

But, if in its hatred for public ownership the government could not bring itself to start public development, there was the other alternative of calling for tenders on a royalty basis. True, if it had done this there wouldn't have been the big headlines in the newspapers about the millions received from the sale of leases, but instead of less than \$3½ millions from royalties last year, we'd have had probably ten millions, and this amount would increase rapidly as new wells came in, and it would continue year after year through-

Three New Members of U.N. Security Council



Since 1 January, Brazil, the Netherlands and Turkey, elected by the General Assembly for two-year terms, have been represented on the Security Council, in place of Cuba, Egypt and Norway, whose terms expired. The new representatives, all of whom are Ambassadors, are (left to right): Daniel J. von Ballestock of the Netherlands, Joao Carlos Muniz of Brazil, and Selim Sarper of Turkey.

out the life of the wells.

I repeat that in our opinion the government, in order to get quick cash returns, has sacrificed the long-term interests of the people of the province. As the premier said, the end of big cash amounts from lease sales

is in sight and all we'll have coming in is what comes from royalties. And the royalties are not more than one-quarter of what they could have been. The government's policy has been short-sighted, improvident and wrong.

Put your 1950 C.C.F. membership in the mail today if you haven't already paid up for 1950.

May Be N.Z.'s Next Premier

By MAURICE KITCHING

NEW ZEALAND'S prime minister may well be an Englishman. He is Kidderminster-born Walter Nash, who has just been chosen to succeed the late Peter Fraser as leader of the parliamentary Labor group.

The party could have made no better choice. Mr. Nash was, the one outstanding man for the job, and, if Labor wins next year's general election, he will prove, as prime minister, a worthy successor to Mr. Fraser.

Of course, Mr. Nash is no newcomer to politics. His reputation has been firmly established for years at a high level, both at home and in world councils.

Finance Minister

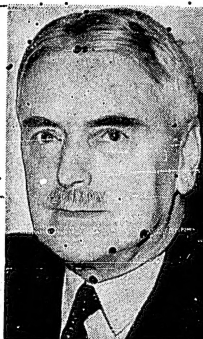
During the entire 14 years Labor was in office in N.Z., Mr. Nash was the minister of finance and in that important and exacting position he was a conspicuous success. History will almost certainly rank him as the outstanding N.Z. minister of finance up to his time.

N.Z. owes much of its present well-being to Mr. Nash's careful building of its economic foundations during his long terms as director of the Treasury. In that position, he was intimately associated with every one of Labor's successful enterprises—enterprises which made the headlines of the world. Such as, for example, the social security scheme (which experts said would not work—but it does).

The state rental housing scheme, the rehabilitation into civilian life of war veterans, the fostering of local manufacturing industry, and the successful direction of the nation's banking system without interference with the trading rights of the private banks.

War Financing

Perhaps Walter Nash's most successful job was his handling



WALTER NASH

of New Zealand's war finances. His policy was to pay for the war to the greatest possible extent out of current taxation revenue, then by loans raised in N.Z., and only after those means were exhausted, by loans raised overseas. By this means he saved (and is still saving) the N.Z. taxpayer thousands of pounds in interest which would have gone to overseas lenders had the previous normal practice been followed.

In the international field, Mr. Nash's reputation is too well known to need elaboration. It is enough to say that statements of all political parties in the world's capitals hold him in respectful regard.

Mr. Nash has been in N.Z. since 1909 and has been a member of Parliament continuously since 1920. He is 59 years old.

Worked Long Hours

He is one of Parliament's hardest workers and when he was finance minister it was not uncommon for him to be at his desk 18 hours a day. In fact, the harder the work the greater his en-

joyment. Personally, he is always friendly and approachable, and the stiffness of parliamentary skirmishes fail to ruffle his urban calm.

After his unanimous selection as leader of the parliamentary Labor party last week he said: "I will try to carry out faithfully the Labor party's policy and follow in the steps of Peter Fraser, Michael Savage and Harry Holland."

"His numerous friends in N.Z. and overseas know they can rely on Walter Nash to make good that simple statement."

To take Mr. Nash's place as deputy leader of the parliamentary Labor party members chose G. F. "Gerry" Skinner, M.C., who has been in Parliament since 1938 and is outstanding among Labor's younger members. He, too, will do a good job.

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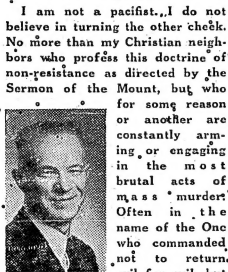
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WHO IS KIDDING?



I am not a pacifist...I do not believe in turning the other cheek. No more than my Christian neighbors who profess this doctrine of non-resistance as directed by the Sermon of the Mount, but who for some reason or another are constantly arming, or engaging in the most brutal acts of mass murder. Many in the name of the One who commanded not to return evil for evil, but who beseeched us to love our enemies. And I detest hypocrisy.

If I thought I and the community I live in were in danger of being invaded and attacked by some evil nation to disturb me and my neighbors from our "pursuit of happiness", I certainly would want to be prepared to resist such brutes, even as I would a burglar or a highwayman. And that is what I am puzzled about. I am in a "conundrum".

Every time I turn on the radio or read the paper I am being frightened about a danger of being attacked by our northern neighbor—the U.S.S.R. Government officials and military leaders are urging me to build a shelter and to brush up on my first-aid. The whole country is being mobilized for a colossal armament effort that is certainly going to take the margins off my taxes. I don't like the prospect at all, I would not mind making sacrifices if there were evidence that we are in danger of being attacked. But when I look for such evidence I find so many conflicting reports and double-talk that makes me think there is something fishy about this whole armament game.

Premier St. Laurent said a few days ago that he did not expect a war in his lifetime. And he is only a young fellow compared with the late George Bernard Shaw. I hope he lives to be a hundred. When he got off in England a month ago Mr. St. Laurent complained that there was "too much war talk". Just before Christmas the American ambassador to Moscow, Admiral Kirk, in an interview at Frankfurt declared there was "no evidence" in the Soviet Union whatever that would indicate any warlike moves. The emphasis was on reconstruction and "consumers' goods". Then, a couple of weeks ago, I bought an American magazine—U.S. News and World Report. It's a "Big Business" magazine, the kind you find on the desk of presidents and bank managers. There was a front-page article dealing with the prospect of attack by the Soviet Union. They had made a worldwide survey by their correspondents, based on opinions by key officials in the best position to exercise judgment. No signs of war preparation within Russia or her satellites. Demobilization is taking place on schedule in the Soviet Union and older classes are not being called to the armed forces. No truth in the rumor about bread and gasoline rationing. No civil defence exercises under way. Inside Russia war-

OBJECTS TO C.C.F. STAND

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: I have been thinking of writing to you for some time to voice my objections to your stand taken at your national convention as regards the Korean conflict.

I'm utterly opposed to seeing our young men being slaughtered for what I am sure will prove to be a fruitless purpose. I am sure if our late leader (James Woodsworth) was alive today he would take a similar stand. You merited, however—for the first time—a pat on the back from the Calgary Herald.

I have supported the ideas of the C.C.F. for 30 years, first the "Ginger Group" and since 1933 the C.C.F. but now I find myself a man without a party.

As I see it the U.S. is using more "bribe" as regards other nations than any other country ever has, except Germany under Hitler.

Had China been given her seat in the United Nations there probably would have been no uprising in Korea at all.

Right now the United States is using persuasion on her allied powers almost to the point of intimidation to have their way regardless.

Yours,
A. J. CURRY.

Calgary.

DEMOCRATIC ACTION

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: In these uncertain days many people are asking themselves the question: "What will be the outcome of present universal strife?" The answer becomes apparent to all thinking people. Only economic and social chaos unless the people themselves organize and take full authority of government into their own hands.

This authority can be established only through the Democratic method and then will only last so long as the people themselves keep fully informed and work for the highest ideals obtainable. Certainly Social Democracy cannot be established by force, rather only by intelligent study and perseverance will necessary reforms be brought about.

In looking for examples of good governments we think first of Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark and New Zealand who have had Social Democratic government for many years.

It is this method of government that the officers and members of the C.C.F. are working so hard to establish in Canada.

The old U.F.A. can never well be cited as a very good example of how a Social Democratic society functions. And for sure the ginger group of U.F.A. was the chief founder of our present C.C.F.

Possibly all people and our school children in Alberta know the history of the prairie farmers' fight to market their own grain.

By 1912 the Grain Growers

movement is absent. People are not being stirred to patriotic enthusiasm. There is no effort to cultivate the urge to conquer new lands. Instead emphasis is being placed on the promise of improved standard of living for the Russian people, not upon further sacrifices to prepare for war.

Well, what am I to make of it? Is somebody pulling my leg? I don't want to get all dressed up for war like an Indian unless there is some danger that my neighbor is threatening me. He might get frightened and provoked and start whooping it up too. Besides, we need homes and schools and hospitals. The hungry people in the world need food and assistance.

Letters to the editor may be published under a pseudonym, but in each case the name and address of the writer must be forwarded to the editor as evidence of good faith. The People's Weekly takes no responsibility for opinions expressed by correspondents and will not publish any letters exceeding 500 words in length.

Grain Co. was established sufficiently to become a menace to the grain trade. Old timers will recall how thousands of us would have to track load when we wanted to ship to our own company so the grain trade asked the government to prohibit track loading.

Had it not been for the fact that the farmers were organized enough that their petition to the government was so strong, it is likely that the grain trade would have succeeded in obtaining this prohibition. Later when the price of wheat had fallen to an all-time low, and threatened the disaster of the Wheat Pool, it was the provincial government who supported the Wheat Pool.

Another incident worth mentioning is that which came to us in the 30's. Little did any of us think, or know when we homesteaded that we were to see a long period of absolute poverty in Alberta such as we experienced in the "Hungry Thirties". Just what would have happened had we been saddled with an unsympathetic government is somebody else's guess. Again the people's government was on the job. Home owners were protected from eviction, creditors were requested to reduce interest, machine debts were reduced to a point where the farmer could hope to pay instead of going bankrupt. Above all the policy was established that where the returns from a farm were so low that there was barely enough for the farmer to live on then the first charge upon the farm would be the farmer's living. All the previous work of organization was well paid for at this time of economic distress.

GEORGE W. STURMER,
Hope, B.C.

COSTLY MISTAKE OF MANY POLITICAL PARTIES

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: Well, what is it? This costly mistake made by many political parties, and paid for by the people. When the party in power refuses to copy and put into law any plan which has been proven beneficial to the people, because they think by so doing they have assisted in raising the prestige of their opposing party which may result in them coming to power, thus taking away their meal ticket.

Now, this is not intended as a knock, exactly, at our so-called Social Credit government in Alberta. But I am compelled to cite these two examples, and "if the shoe fits them they can wear it".

Now, this two lives in Saskatchewan, the Hospitalization or Health Insurance law, and the Automobile Insurance law. Both are now proven to be beneficial and workable. Yet the Alberta government in my opinion will not copy these laws simply for the above mentioned reason. While in fact, had they the courage to go ahead and adopt the same laws, it would raise their own prestige, and give benefits not now enjoyed, to the people. In my opinion it is really worse than the old political patronage system.

It is really too bad our Alberta Government has copied or inherited this disease from the other two old line political parties.

And in conclusion, should the C.C.F. party ever attain a major political party in office, and repeat this state of affairs, we will have made little progress, or be any better off. It is to be hoped the C.C.F. will set a better example and be willing and ready to copy and put into law any plan that is of benefit and workable, regardless from whatever source from which it emanates.

Yours,
A. VOTER.

500 WORD LIMIT

With some letter writers experiencing some difficulty in keeping their letters down to 300 words, the word limit for letters to this column has now been extended to 500 words. In future this limit will be strictly adhered to. We have some letters on hand now running from 600 to 1,000 words. If the writers wish to revise them to meet the 500 word limit, we will be glad to forward them, on request.—Editor.

ANOTHER "TRIAL AND ERROR"

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: Re the Asian situation, I think the U.N. had fine intentions, but owing partly to U.S. inexperience in foreign affairs, coupled with the brash sayings of MacArthur, the result has been failure in Korea, and should now be written off before that country suffers further damage. The "Forlorn bastion" speech and the kissing of Madame Chiang's hand was bad enough—how would we like a Communist bastion at our doorstep?—but the intimation that a show of power would make the Orientals cower, was about the last straw for a proud people.

I am glad that Canada has no hysterical "China Lobby" inciting us to fight the mainland Chinese, ostensibly to stop their aggression, but actually to stop their chosen brand of politics. "We would much rather trade with them than fight them." Of course, they might have fought in any event with an "Asian Monroe Doctrine" in mind, but apart from that they had provocation enough to key them to fighting pitch and the U.N. was well warned, they would come in if the 38th line was crossed. Napoleon Bonaparte was lately reported to have said: "Look out for China, the sleeping giant, when once he wakes up."

I may be labelled Red, pink, black, brown or yellow for writing this, but I honestly believe it is what a large number of people have been thinking for some time past. We have no more right to force freedom and democracy on people, than they have to force Communism on us according to my view.

Communism has the edge on us it appears, because it offers three squares a day and relief from thinking, whereas it takes centuries to learn the democratic method. Well it is too bad that Korea is another trial and error, but as the poet says, "The plans of mice and men gang aft agley."

JOHN CHRISTIE.

Vancouver.

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STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

POLITICS, we've heard it said, makes strange bedfellows. So do, international relations. Our own, De Bunker, for example, quotes a magazine, *U.S. News and World Report*, which he labels an organ of "big business," to show that Russia is not preparing for war, therefore it is unnecessary for Western Europe to prepare for defence against Communist aggression. Senator Taft and ex-President Hoover used the same argument.

But, strangely enough, two weeks ago our De Bunker had an opposite reason why Western Europe shouldn't prepare for defence. It was "no use—'Uncle Joe' already had 170 divisions under arms and could quickly mobilize that many more, so we'd better not make him mad!" De Bunker wants it both ways.

The article De Bunker quotes in his column in this issue was an exercise in wishful thinking on the part of the editors of *U.S. News and World Report* to show just one thing—that Russia wouldn't attack this year, and that if the West got on with the job of European defence as fast as the editors of *U.S. News and World Report* wanted it to, Russia might never attack.

One has to be careful in building his case on such publications as *U.S. News and World Report*. Until less than a year ago the editor of that magazine, David Lawrence, was taking a strong isolationist position. He was being profusely quoted in De Bunker's column at that time. But in the latest edition of *U.S. News and World Report* this gentleman, who a few short months ago was De Bunker's most quoted "authority," has a signed editorial entitled, "Red China Is a Liar". One of the conclusions of his diatribe is: "The only settlement that can be accepted is one that expels the forces of the aggressor from Korea and from a zone north of the Manchurian border." De Bunker isn't quoting Mr. Lawrence these days.

STOPPING COMMUNISM

FOR MANY YEARS we have been saying in these columns that the best way to prevent the spread of communism is to make democracy work. And we've had lots of proof of the soundness of our contention. In the last election in Britain not a Communist was elected. All their fellow-travellers were likewise rejected. In Norway there were eleven Communist members of parliament. In the elections last year they were all defeated.

Almost as striking is the decline of communist support in other European countries, proportionate to economic recovery. Belgium, production up 12%, communist seats down from 17 to 10. Netherlands, production up 51%, communist representation down from 10% to 5%. Denmark, production up 31%, communist vote down from 12% to 4%. Communism can only make headway when a people are desperate. The best weapon against communism is full stomachs and a decent life.

These facts make it difficult to understand the stupidity of Americans in holding back a greatly needed grain loan to hungry India because of Nehru's disagreement with U.S. policy in the United Nations. It was Marshall Plan aid which helped mightily to effect Europe's economic recovery. Whether the decline of communism was the primary or secondary aim of America's expenditure of \$11 billion on Marshall Aid, may be debatable. The fact remains that the economic recovery which the Marshall Plan made possible, did have the effect of stopping communism. That's why Communists and their stooges screamed so loudly against it. Surely the U.S. should learn something from its own experience with the Marshall Plan in Europe.

TO THE LETTER WRITERS

WHEN THE word limit on letters to "The People Speak" column of this paper was set, it was made to conform roughly to the length of the average editorial. This would, it was felt, give the letter writer an opportunity to say what he wished to say, and at the same time provide an opportunity for a number of writers to have their letters published in each issue. There is nothing more interesting to the readers of a newspaper than a good batch of short, snappy letters.

We have, unwisely, permitted the word-limit rule to be violated. When we do so we usually add a note appealing for conformity to our rule. But it doesn't do any good. The long letters keep coming. And quite often when it becomes necessary to keep a letter out because of its length, we are accused of stifling free speech!

Well, there is only one remedy for this. That is to enforce the rule. To make this a little easier, for the letter writers and for the editors, we have extended the word-limit to 500. From now on any letter which is over ONE WORD above 500 will not be published. This is definite and final.

THE THIRD COLUMN

A GOOD PHILOSOPHY

President Abraham Lincoln:

"If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. . . . I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, 10 angels swearing I was right would make no difference."

AFTER YOU, ALPHONSE

"The Sniper" in Ontario

C.C.F. News:

"It is not our habit to use up space on mere jokes, but we heard an irresistible one over Christmas—Truman, Attlee and Stalin were having a conference, and getting nowhere as usual, when there was a sudden blizzard of light and an angel appeared."

"We've been watching your struggles," the angel said, "and we've decided your chief trouble is the veto. So I've been sent to offer each of you one wish. You can wish for anything you want, and no one can veto it."

"O.K.," said Stalin, "if we can wish for anything we want, I shall wish that a tidal wave should rise out of the ocean, sweep across the United States, and drown every American capitalist."

"Well," said Truman, "if that's the way you want to play, I'll wish that a plague should hit Russia and strike every Communist dead in his tracks."

"The angel turned to Attlee. 'Oh,' said Attlee, 'I'd rather like a nice pot of tea. But there's no hurry, take care of these other gentlemen first.'"

TAINT, SO!

Alberta Wheat Pool Budget, Feb. 9:

"Under the above heading the Printed Word, a supporter of the speculative system of grain marketing, said that wheat is 'valued' at 70¢ per bushel Canadian funds, and across the border in North Portal, Saskatchewan, at \$1.23 1/2 (since raised to \$1.43 1/2), and states: 'The main reason for the difference is that the United States farmer has the right to sell his wheat to whoever will pay him.'"

"Our comment: This statement is not true. The main reason for the difference is that the United States government has guaranteed a farm price of \$2.00 a bushel to the United States wheat grower. Wheat exported from the U.S. is mostly given away and what volume is sold brings returns in line with Canadian export wheat. The difference between the United States domestic and export price is a bonus to the United States farmer."

"It may be that this Canadian producer is too modest in his demand on the Canadian government! Maybe he is a sucker!"

FOOTPRINTS

By J. F. GRIFFIN



"Thing is this—power"

IT HAS been well said that "power is the ability to achieve purpose," and in the light of that definition it may be encouraging for us to look at the struggle for power on a global scale around the world today.

We speak of the Great Powers and of the opposing philosophies which they seem to represent, and it is broadly true that the nations may be divided into those which stand for Capitalism, and those which believe in Socialism, the supporters of a co-operative economy and the advocates of a competitive way of life.

If then power is the ability to achieve purpose, how do the capitalist nations start at terms of that achievement, today? Everywhere on the defensive, everywhere under the shadow of imminent defeat. For the purpose of capitalism is to perpetrate a slavery by which, in the words of Fred Henderson, "one man has the power to say to another man, 'I shall live pleasantly on the good things of the world by making you provide them for me.' Is not the progressive failure of capitalism to realize this purpose an accurate measure of its waning power?"

Consider the growing number of those who have escaped, and are escaping, from the ruthless domination of the past. Think of the co-operatives in all their various forms; and of the labor unions, and of the men they represent. In spite of frantic efforts to the contrary the means of achieving the purposes of capitalism are passing away, and the nations which now hold them may cease in a few

decades to be known as "Great Powers."

But the purpose of Socialism is "the final disappearance from human society of the right of an owning class to live upon the labor of a subject class." Here of course we must remember that this ideal has not as yet been realized by every nation which calls itself Socialist, and with this qualification in mind we look at the record. In 1917 the world was capitalist. In 1944, specific communist gains were confined to the Soviet Union and China. Today 700 million people live in communist territory. From China on the East to Israel and the Arab States on the West Asia has been replacing ancient monarchies and Imperialist puppet governments with people's republics—Scott Nearing in W.E.

In the light of the foregoing facts, and in terms of achieving its purposes, which has exercised the greatest power in the last 20 years, Capitalism or Socialism?

We, of the C.C.F., are sometimes impatient because we have not as yet come into office in the Dominion of Canada. Yet our influence in the Dominion is compelling reluctant governments to carry out our purposes, and is to them an exasperating proof of our constant coming to power. The poet doubted not that through the ages our increasing purpose runs, and it is in the ability to achieve that purpose that the ultimate in power resides. So be it, for as long as our little plans and purposes are in harmony with the one increasing purpose we know we cannot fail.

Timely Topics

By William Irvine
Director of C.C.F. Organization

SHOULD RUN HERE

An Associated Press report from Montevideo tells how a candidate for president in Uruguay promised jobs for everyone at high salaries, retirement by full pension at 40, a milk pipeline, and a new highway system designed to allow all roads to run downhill. But Senor Zortofelli, who ran on this platform twice, was not elected. We are writing to him to tell him of Alberta. The only trouble with Zortofelli's platform is that he is running in the wrong place. He should run here, and there is little doubt he would be premier of the first try.

WHY IMMIGRANTS?

Some, and probably all of the big chartered banks of Canada, are clamoring for the government to step up immigration to at least 200,000 a year. Mr. Wedd of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and Mr. Rae of the Dominion Bank, have been making rosy speeches about the good which would come to Canada by such a program.

The *Financial Times*, too, has gone all out for more immigration. It has taken up the opus of the bankers but in its editorial sang in rather raucous voice. Lacking the diplomatic touch of the banker, the railroad magnet, and the party politician, the *Financial Times* goes on

to say—"quite aside from the productive economy, however, national defence and the national monetary structure require more capable shoulders to support them. The tax load must, in time, be distributed over greater numbers of productive men and women; and at least some of the services organized in Canada, such as the transportation systems, have problems which only a substantially increased population in the country can help to solve."

There you have the capitalist reason why we need more immigrants. "We need stronger shoulders to bear the ever-increasing weight of a debt-creating financial system; we need greater numbers to bear up the ever-increasing tax burden which debt, in addition to our social services, is required to keep the system from crashing; and we want more people to help bear the cost of wars and to provide men for the ranks of our armies."

This surely bears out what we have long held about capitalism. It has already collapsed in Europe. It may be possible to keep it going for a decade or two in Canada, a new rich country, providing we can persuade enough strong shoulders to get under the tottering structure.

It is to the interests of those who
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Protest-Canada's

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believe that the resolution which Canada supported was both premature and unwise! (Mr. Pegu's own words), and because we fear that it will result in driving China more completely into the Soviet orbit and will jeopardize the friendship of a large proportion of the 560 or 600 million people in southeast Asia, I am going to move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg, North Centre (Stanley Knowles), that the following words be added to the amendment moved by the Leader of the Opposition:

"We further regret that while Your Excellency's advisers have generally followed a constructive course in relation to the Korean dispute, they have in relation to the resolution branding China as an aggressor supported a course which is premature and unwise at this particular moment, and which should not have been pursued until the methods of peaceful negotiation had been completely exhausted."

Asks Wheat For India

The C.C.F. leader went on to discuss the positive aspects of peace in Asia—the need for economic assistance from the free world. He called for shipment of Canadian wheat to alleviate the famine now threatening India, and replied to the suggestion that Canada has "not enough No. 1 wheat in position to ship to the Orient." He pointed out that our country has a good deal of frozen wheat in store of grade No. 5. "For people who are starving even grade No. 5 wheat would be most acceptable! If we cannot give a better grade of wheat, I think that this House and this country should give consideration to giving the best that we can give in order to show not only our friendship for India but also the desirability of stamping out the results of famine and of keeping close contact with this great Asiatic people."

Mr. Caldwell also referred to the Colombo Plan and pressed for its support in Canada, to make the plan sufficiently effective to meet the challenge of the situation in Asia.

Urges Price Controls

Turning to the domestic situation in Canada, the C.C.F. leader again called for price controls. He did not agree with the Prime Minister that United States controls would be a sufficient safeguard

for the standards of living of the Canadian people, and he pointed out that 75 per cent of Canadians interviewed in a Gallup poll favored price control.

He said that "a great deal has been made of wage control." Wage control now exists to a very large extent, Mr. Caldwell contended. "In many of the great trade unions wages have been agreed upon for one year ahead and two years ahead, and yet prices continue to rise. You have control now of the farmers' returns to a very large degree in setting floor prices on some of the eggs that he produces... the only people who are free to do exactly what they like are the manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. They have obviously increased prices over the last couple of months in order that they may circumvent price controls if they come into effect."

CANADA YEAR BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE

An invaluable source of information on things Canadian, the 1950 edition of the Canada Year Book, published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, is now available for distribution.

In addition to comprehensive statistical information on trends in business and detailed information on various government departments, there are four special articles dealing with "The Royal Commission on Prices," "The Influence of the R.C.M.P. in the Building of Canada," "The Iron-ore Resources of the Quebec Labrador Region," and "Titanium in Quebec."

The Canada Year Book (cloth-bound edition) may be ordered from the King's Printer, Ottawa, at \$2.00 a copy. Paper-bound copies are available to school teachers, bona fide students and ministers at a cost of \$1.00. Applications with remittances for paper-bound copies must be forwarded to the Dominion Statistician, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

Going round a mental home, a visitor strolled through the gardens, met an inmate and asked him his name.

"George Washington," was the reply.

"But I seem to remember the last time I was here you were Abraham Lincoln," the visitor said.

"That," explained the man, "was by my first wife."

Prof. Gads Speaks To C.C.F. Tuesday

Professor L. E. Gads of the University of Alberta will be the speaker at the Edmonton C.C.F. meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the I.G.O.F. Hall, taking as his topic, "Our Neighbor, Siberia." Born in Boukhara in Russian Turkistan, Professor Gads lived in Siberia from 1912 to 1920, before and during the revolution and the civil war. He spent six years in Manchuria prior to coming to Canada in 1926. He farmed near Wetaskiwin for a number of years and graduated in civil engineering from the University of Alberta in 1930.

In 1945 on his release from the R.C.A.F. he went to Berlin as an interpreter with the British section of the Control Commission for Germany. Returning to Canada in 1946, he is now assistant professor in civil engineering at the University here.

The business session will commence at 8.15 p.m. with Professor Gads speaking at 9 o'clock.

C.C.F. Meetings

LETHBRIDGE.

Mrs. Nellie Peterson, C.C.F. Provincial Secretary, and William Irvine, C.C.F. Director of Organization, commenced a series of meetings in and around Lethbridge on Tuesday of this week. They will continue until Saturday, February 17.

CALGARY

William Irvine will speak at a number of house meetings in Calgary on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week, Feb. 19, 20 and 21. Mr. Irvine and Alex. Calhoun will be the speakers at the annual meeting of the Calgary C.C.F. on Thursday, February 22.

Timely Topics

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control finance capital to lend it out at interest. That creates debt. It is to the interests of industrialists to have years that create more debt for those who live by debt, and the money borrowed goes to buy war materials which makes more profit for the manufacturers. This can't go on with only our own "Canadian shoulders" to support the structure, so we must make an appeal to other countries, to send us over, sturdy shoulders, backs, and legs to prop up the trembling pillars of this outward social disorder.

But if prospective immigrants should chance to see the bare bald reason why we want them, they may not be over-anxious to come. What they do want to do is to get out from under the wreck of capitalism in their own country. They may not be so anxious to come here to join our armies, prop up our debt and profit structure, and help to bear an unbearable tax burden. At this high time in any case that we were thinking of discarding a system which makes it necessary to do things like the *Financial Times* proposes.

Malta Labor Party Is Joining Comisco

OTTAWA (CPA).—The Labor Party of Malta has filed application to become a member of COMISCO. The COMISCO sub-committee on membership has decided to recommend approval of affiliation to the next full conference of the International socialist organization in March, in London.

Disbanding

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since last June. This rise was occasioned by general increases in the cost of both farm and industrial products.

Babson's Canadian Report of January 29 estimates a necessary force of 10,000 people to administer any new controls. The Babson economic report also points out the reluctance with which many business men would serve on such agencies when the country is not actually at war. Yet the government calmly proceeds with the dismemberment of the only experienced machinery in the field.

There would seem to be no obstacle in the way of reorganizing the old W.P.T.B. under new control legislation; why disperse these people when the government will be frantically looking for personnel when price controls finally come into effect?

New Books and Pamphlets

The Literature Committee of the C.C.F. reminds readers that a number of new booklets and pamphlets are being added to those already on hand.

Facts About C.C.F. Government in Saskatchewan (Price 10 cents) gives a most interesting picture of increased benefits obtained by the people, through the C.C.F. Here, for 10 cents, are the facts and figures which every C.C.F.-er should have.

Wanted: Vital Religion in Politics. (Price 5 cents), is a handy pocket size little booklet by Dr. L. J. Donaldson which, to quote P. F. Moriarty, 25 years secretary of the Y.M.C.A., "is most insistent in showing that Christian principles, when applied, contain the only sound basis for an economic system". Dr. Donaldson's subtitle for the pamphlet is "C.C.F. Principles Agree With Christian Ideals".

Who Owns Canada? If you don't already own a copy of this reliable examination of the facts concerning the concentration of control and ownership of the wealth of Canada, send for one now. Price 50 cents.

European Unity (15c).—A new pamphlet which gives the British Labor Party's views on methods by which European unity should be pursued.

Planning For Freedom (Reduced from \$1.25 to 50c). Though written in 1944, the first section of this book discusses issues of vital importance today. Excellent cliff material.

They'll Ask You (5c).—A primer of C.C.F. questions and answers.

Who Benefits From Saving Prices? (10 for 30c or 3 for 10c).—An attractively arranged and easily read leaflet showing just what the saving cost of living is doing to farmer, labor, soldier, old folks and hope—and what it has done to increase monopoly profits. Send for a number of these and pass them on to your neighbors.

Comment.—The new C.C.F. up-to-the-minute facts and figures magazine, \$1.00 buys a year's subscription; single copies 10c each. This month's issue, which includes the story of the oil grab, is one you won't want to miss.

(1) Fifty Years' March—Francis Williams, \$2.00. This is the book, recently reviewed in the P.W. by Elmer E.

C.C.F. Bridge Party Is Set For March 5

Plans for a Bridge party at Woodsworth House on Monday, March 5, were discussed when the Edmonton Women's C.C.F. Club met on Monday. Mrs. J. E. Cook was named as convener. Those interested in making up a table may phone the president, Mrs. H. Scott at 38138.

A film depicting "A Day in the Life of a Cerebral Palsied Child" was shown by Floyd Johnson.

\$50 was donated to the People's Weekly Sustaining Fund.

Mrs. H. Scott, the newly elected president, was in the chair.

W.A. TO MEET

Regular monthly meeting of the W.A. to Edmonton T.T.U. No. 604 will convene the first Wednesday in March at the home of Mrs. Grover Gerliss, 11524 - 89 Street.

Roper, which tells of the rise and growth of the British Labor Party. An A1 gift for an intelligent friend!

(2) **Guide to Elementary Socialism**—G. D. H. Cole, 15c.

(3) **The Road Ahead**—Laidler, \$1.00.

A nicely bound, easily read and understood story of the democratic socialist way of life.

(4) **The Case for Socialism**—Fred Henderson, 35c.

Marching On (Price 15 cents).—A magnificent story of the progress of the British Labor Party from the arrival of Keir Hardie at the House of Commons to its victory at the polls in the last general election. It is issued in pamphlet form by the Labor Party to mark Labor's year of Golden Jubilee. In its last chapter it looks to the future and proclaims in stirring words Labor's confidence and resolve:

"We have recently repulsed the most furious assault any political Party in this country has ever sustained; before long an onslaught even more bitter, more desperate and more unprincipled will be unleashed against us. We are no more intimidated than was the Lankan miner when he first rose to address the Commons, with every man's hand against him."

Still at Large, Price 15c. This pamphlet by Michael Foot, with its satirical prologue on Tory "history" and pen portraits of leading figures in the Tory Party, will be of particular interest to those readers who hail from the Old Land.

Facing Facts in Formosa—10c. Formosa, and the problems revolving around that unfortunate refuge of discredited Chiang-Kai-Shek are very much in the news today.

Here is a pamphlet which gives the historical background, the present conditions and the significance of this island for peace or war, in a factual straightforward way. A limited supply has been ordered by this office. Place your order now!

Tragedy in Africa—10c.

There is rising in their (the non-European people of South Africa) hearts a hatred of the white man and his ways, which, for anyone not blind to the lessons of history, is terrible to contemplate. This quotation indicates the subject matter of this well-written report of unhappy and dangerous existing conditions in South Africa. A limited supply! order now.

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Calling All Women

We Were Patients Under The British Health Plan

By EUGENE MARTINSON

Mrs. Gwenant, a pregnant woman, the patient, and her well-trained midwives made a great deal of home doctors were available if needed. Gwen stayed 10 days. The baby was kept in the same room.

Free Ambulance

Gwen went to the hospital in an ambulance at 4 a.m. That was free, too. She had classes in relaxation, free, at the hospital's physiotherapy department. As part of the service she took the baby to a child welfare clinic. She could have gone back to see her original practitioner if she had wished. Had she been a British working mother she would have had a family allowance too—a cash maternity benefit to compensate for her loss of earnings.

I found that the mortality rate has dropped astonishingly since everyone in Britain can have free medical care. British babies are beautiful and healthy looking. Everyone is proud, after these years of rationing and deprivation, to be the parent of a bouncing, well-fed child.

Our weekly charwoman gave me a dramatic description of what the health plan has meant to the British worker. For years her husband had suffered from arthritis and heart trouble, which kept him bedridden. When the health plan started he went for free treatment. That cured his arthritis so that he could get around again. Then he was given occupational therapy on a carpet weaving machine and sent to a convalescent home where the treatment surpassed his wildest dreams.

At first he felt humiliated about getting free treatment, without a means test or an investigation. It was hard for him to understand that he could accept the treatment with pride, that it was his right as a British citizen.

Service Excellent

The ward was clean, the service excellent, my fellow patients interesting. When I got out I went back to my original doctor who saw me at once. All the drugs he prescribed were free. I could have had free house calls.

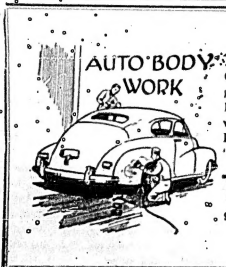
I should have registered before hand, but since it was an emergency no one raised any objections or red tape. My health came first. I would have gladly paid if I had been working. Persons who work pay a payroll tax of 14 cents a week. It was taken for granted that I shouldn't pay, as I was not working. I was in London studying at the School of Economics on a Fulbright scholarship. I got the same service I would have expected under our American fee system. The British felt that every resident, whether a citizen or not, is entitled to health care.

London's Finest Hospital

When Gwen found she was pregnant she called on a doctor, arrangements were made for her confinement, and extra food rations were authorized at once. The majority of British babies are delivered in nursing homes staffed by midwives, but since this was Gwen's first child and she was over 35, she was accepted in one of London's finest hospitals.

An almoner (medical social worker), interviewed Gwen to find whether we needed free household help after the baby arrived. Gwen made regular weekly visits to the hospital. The atmosphere was friendly. Tea was served, and the women chatted, read or knitted as they waited their turn. The waiting was no longer or more tedious than in any doctor's office here in America.

Gwen was in a ward containing



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between the two western democracies.

The American methods of attaining peace are not necessarily sound, however, said Mr. Randolph. In danger of losing both the cold and the hot war, the U.S. is getting too impatient with these people in Europe and Asia, who want to explore every possible avenue of peace before irreversible action is taken.

Immediate Action

The American mind thinks in terms of immediate action. The American mind thinks in terms of big units, which sometimes leads to a loss of the smaller contributions of other nations.

But, he went on, "the counsels of Nehru, who represents the Asiatic mind, must be given support by the Western democracies," adding that the spiritual leadership of the world would come from Asia and Africa, which had little material wealth and sought no empires.

Recognition of the rights of Asiatic peoples to national independence is essential if the western world hopes to stem the rising tide of communism in the east.

After a blistering attack on "totalitarian, communist, or fascist systems of government," Mr. Randolph declared that in light of the fundamental differences between democratic and totalitarian states, "or, organized labor, Negro and other minorities, farmers' and liberal and professional groups, and business, have no other choice than to reject totalitarianism, either fascist or communist, and take their stand on the side of democracy, even with all the limitations and shortcomings of western democracies. There is no time to lose in making our choice."

But, here, let us briefly sketch the present status of democracy and our future relationship to the Communist world.

Preferable to Communism

"Neither the United States nor the U.S.S.R., can fill alone, the world power vacuum caused by the disappearance of nations. Thus, the struggle on the part of the United States and Russia to build allies."

"Domination by neither the U.S., nor Russia, is desirable," Mr. Randolph said, "but the world legacy of democracy is preferable to the world legacy of communism. I believe that Communist states and Democratic states can live in the world together if neither is imperialistic."

"Thus, the thesis that the free world must consolidate its forces, maintain its unity and extend its dominion in Europe, Asia, and Africa, for survival is sound."

Ever Vigilant

"If this thesis is sound, then, it is correct strategy for the free world to be ever vigilant to prevent the totalitarian world from cracking the free world front and destroying the United Nations, the most effective instrument for peace the free world possesses."

"To this end, the United States, which, because of its material and military power, has become the leader of the free world in order to keep it intact, must stand on its impregnable position as the European democracies and especially India and other Asiatic countries, that seek to explore every available avenue and employ every resource to secure peace and avoid the horrors and devastation of an atomic war."

LESS FICTION, Please!

By Mrs. Nellie Peterson

"The average workingman's lot in Russia, starkly lies Communist claims that he lives in a 'worker's paradise'."

That's the introduction to a headline article from Washington in the February 9th issue of the Edmonton Journal.

The article then goes on to prove how diabolical is the "paradise," by contrasting the hours of labor required of the American and Russian worker in order to buy a given list of commodities.

"Propagandized"

Now, I'm thinking there's a paradise anywhere on earth, and certainly not in Russia.

Ten minutes with a pencil, primary mathematics and the figures supplied by the propagandist only serves to prove the article sheer nonsense. I didn't know before reading it what was the Russian worker's standard of living. I don't know now! What I do know is that I've been "propagandized" without regard for truth or respect for intelligence in a manner wholly unworthy of the defenders of truth and freedom.

Taking only these commodities used by the writer of the article, I've tried to draw up a basic diet and limited clothing supply, in terms of the hours a Russian man would have to work in order to provide them for himself and two children.

(I'm accepting for this purpose, the article's contention that the mother would have to work for herself and any other children.)

Diet Per Day, for 1 Workingman and 2 Average Children
1 kilo (2.2 lbs.) bread—120 min.
1/2 kilo (approx. 1 1/4 lb.) butter—50 min.
2 kilo (4.4 lbs.) potatoes, and other vegetables—36 min.

1/4 of a \$1.45 chuck roast or fish—140 min.

3 eggs—53 min.

Sugar, tea, milk and soap—20 min.

This represents a total of 2,585 hours of work per year.

Clothing Per Year

(Only a suit is given value in article.)

Father: equivalent of 2 suits—622 hrs.; 2 pairs shoes—132 hrs.

2 children: equivalent of one suit each—622 hrs.; 1 pr. of boots each (est. 2% add'l price)—88 hrs.

Representing a total of 1,464 hrs. of labor.

The article states that one-sixth of the worker's income must be paid out in taxes and "contributions." This adds another 311 hrs.

16 Hours Per Day

We now have our Russian working 4,800 hours per year or, on the basis of 300 working days per year, a little over 16 hours per day.

You may think I've fed him too well (?) or worked him too few days, but just consider this:

I've allowed neither him nor his family any fuel for the stove, any light or other facilities; indeed I've allowed nothing for the rent or upkeep of house, nothing for a broom to sweep the floor if he had one, nothing for a stove, furniture, pot, or pan; nothing for bedclothes, for vodka, for smokes, for reading matter and not even enough, to keep any one of them adequately clothed!

So, if you'll just add the astronomical number of hours it would take to provide these to the above 16 hours per day our Russian is already working you'll admit either the Russian's a super super-man or that you can't believe all you read!

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Personal Stuff

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American defeat." No one outside of the United States has written a stronger indictment of U.S. policy than that.

Criticism of American action and attitudes in respect to the Asian crisis is justified. The allies of the United States in the struggle against Communist cold and hot war aggression have more right than any to be critical, because of the many entangling moves made by the U.S. without prior consultation with her friends. All this is true. And it is a healthy and hopeful indication of free thinking when people inside and outside the United States disagree openly and vigorously with U.S. policy. (A Russian Walter Lippmann, if you can imagine such a phenomenon, couldn't get criticism of his government published, and if he were suspected of even thinking, disagreement he'd soon be included among the unfortunate who are heard "in Russian court rooms" confessing their evil thoughts!) But thoroughly justified criticism of American policy can become an excuse for some commentators to unwind yards of the Communist party line. It is not too hard to detect this because it comes from the type of writer or speaker who never in all his comments on international affairs does anything but rationalize or excuse the actions and attitudes of Soviet Russia, in the United Nations or elsewhere. It's always the United States or Britain which is at fault: Never Soviet Russia. I'm not much impressed by the use of

quotations from Walter Lippmann by people who fall into this category. They never quote any of Lippmann's devastating analyses of Soviet malfeasance.

In any case in which this attitude stems from the Communist in-spirit who hasn't the intellectual honesty or intellectual fortitude to take his place openly with the comrades, it inspires nothing but contempt. But actually the situation is more complex than that: throughout the world many radicals have found it hard to accept the fact that something which they felt held high hope for a better world has in fact turned out to be a barbaric tyranny. And so, with the same sort of sentiment that motivates the mother of a criminal son, when she seeks to justify his actions by calling attention to the sins of "respectable" people—the Communist excusers consciously or otherwise attempt to rationalize Communist intrigue and truculence by emphasizing the faults of the democracies while soft-peddling the belligerent offensiveness of the Kremlin. There is another explanation, too, a fear of being thought "right wing".

So far as the basic issue is concerned, the blunders or cleverness of either the democracies or the Communists in the diplomatic or tactical field, while immensely important are nevertheless secondary. The vital issue is, which form of government do we prefer for ourselves and those with whom we are associated—democracy or totalitarian communism? Every responsible political movement, and responsible individuals, should be unequivocal on that point. The

C.C.F. in Alberta has made itself very clear, in a declaration of policy which at the same time embodied instructions for the conduct of the People's Weekly. This statement was first adopted by the Provincial Board of the C.C.F. as an interpretation of a convention resolution. It was confirmed by the 1950 convention in Edmonton in November. This is it: "(a) that we make our aversion to Communism as clear as we have made our distaste for fascism; (b) that all our media of propaganda be directed to making this abundantly clear; (c) that the purpose of this People's Weekly shall be to interpret and give publicity to the program and philosophy of the C.C.F. as established by the C.C.F. national and provincial conventions; (d) that no material be published in the paper, in letters to the editor or otherwise, which is in conflict with this purpose." The 1950 convention modified this directive to "provide that the application of (d) shall not prevent constructive discussion or criticism of C.C.F. policies, provided however that abuse of the letter column space shall not be permitted for the obvious promotion of the policies of other political parties".

A farmer from a small Ohio town spent a glorious two weeks vacation in New York. Returning home he held his children spellbound with tales of what he'd seen in the big town.

"Why, father," exclaimed one, "I should think that you'd have been afraid of getting lost!"

"How could I be lost," he inquired, "when I didn't care where I was?"

Farmers

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only because of having to harvest wet grain, but because much of that which has been harvested could not be shipped for lack of railway freight cars. A great deal of wet wheat is still lying in the fields, Mr. Wright said, because farmers were afraid that if it were stored in granaries it would heat.

Needs It Now

With a touch of sarcasm, Mr. Wright declared that the western farmer needed his final payment now on the five-year pool "more than he needed the 20-cent interim payment which was made before the 1949 election."

"I do not remember 3 years in the last several when there have been as many debts left unpaid at the local stores and to the local implement dealers as there are today in Western Canada. We just have not been able to deliver enough grain to meet our running expenses. . . I would urge on the government that, as soon as possible, they make a substantial final payment on the five-year pool. It is needed now more than it ever has been needed before."

Mr. Wright also called upon the government to take action to provide adequate drying facilities for damp wheat, or attempt to make use of American drying facilities to save Canadian wheat.

Seeks Amendment

He reiterated the Canadian Federation of Agriculture's demand for more general and active use of the government's price support policy under the Agriculture-Prices Support Act passed last session. He believed that at this session the Wheat Board Act should be amended to permit the Board to take over what quantities of grain remain on the first of August, 1951, at a nominal price "say the average price at which they have been able to sell that wheat during the course of the year," and make a final settlement with the farmers.

"To what do you attribute your long life?" the reporter asked the centenarian. "I don't rightly know yet," replied the oldtimer, puffing lazily at his pipe. "I'm still dickering with two breakfast food companies."

In The House

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of aggression. Subsequently, India gave warning that any close approach to the borders of Manchuria and the Yalu river would invite Chinese participation. In that, of course, he proved prophetic.

ALISTAIR STEWART (Winnipeg North), Feb. 2: "We do not think the real enemy in this world today is China. So far as we are concerned, the threat to the world lies in the Soviet Union. We believe that war in China means the wasting of human and material assets and a consequent weakening of our own position, and the position in which we are most engrossed, I imagine, is that of our membership and responsibilities in the North Atlantic treaty. But if our position there is weakened the North Atlantic grouping becomes weakened, and the green light is given to aggression, but not the aggression which the United States has in mind. Should we become sufficiently weak, the green light is given to the Soviet Union in western Europe."

Insurance

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The group insurance plan, first of its kind in Winnipeg, has many counterparts in eastern Canadian cities, including Hamilton and Brantford, as well as the west coast city of New Westminster. The plan, the cost of which would be shared 50-50 by employers and employees of small businesses, would provide life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment benefits, hospital and surgical benefits for employees and their dependents, and weekly indemnities for accident and illness.

Said the insurance men: "We do not recommend the socialization of insurance," but if the plight of those employees of small firms is of such importance as to warrant the recent action of the Chamber, then possibly the civic government would be justified in making group plans available to all. Such a development, the protest said, would be the "serious beginning of socialization of our industry."

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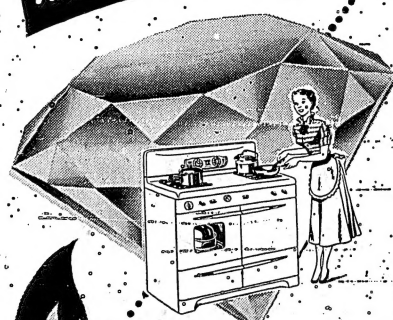
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